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SUBJECT: PAN AM REQUEST FOR ZAMBIAN OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE

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1. FONMIN BANDA'S REMARKS REF (A) INDICATE THAT GRZ UNWILLING GIVEN PAN AM OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR TIME BEING. WE PREFER EXAMINE POST-OAU SUMMIT SITUATION BEFORE PROBING BANDA AGAIN ON PAN AM OVERFLIGHT.

2. FYI: STATE HOUSE ADVISOR CHONA AMPLIFIED THIS BY TELLING US THAT GRZ WOULD BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER PAN AM APPLICATION AFTER OAU SUMMIT WHEN SENSITIVITIES REGARDING ANY BLACK AFRICAN LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA BECAUSE OF SAG INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA MIGHT HAVE COOLED. HOPE ALSO HELD THAT OVERFLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCES FOR U.S. MILITARY FLIGHT TO SUPPLY EMBASSY PRETORIA AND SATELLITE TRACKING STATION COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED. HOWEVER,WHICH WILL OF COURSE DEPEND ON NATURE OF OAU DECISIONS AND ACTUAL COURSE OF EVENTS IN ANGOLA IN ADDITION TO ZAMBIAN POSITION ON THESE ELEMENTS.
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